

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION 02/08/2005
U.S. Appln. No. 10/054,567

In response to the Office action mailed on August 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace page 11, last paragraph as follows:

The nozzle in the nozzle member is preferably microstructured, i.e. produced by microtechnology. Microstructured nozzle members are disclosed, for example, in WO-94/07607, which is an equivalent of US Patent Nos. 5,472,143, 5,547,094, 5,911,851, 6,007,676, 6,503,362, and US Patent Publication No. 2003/075623; reference is hereby made to this specification, particularly Figure 1 and the description thereof.

Please replace page 12, last paragraph – page 13, lines 1-9 as follows:

The locking member with engaging locking surfaces is annularly disposed about the power take-off flange. It consists, for example, of an inherently radially elastically deformable ring made of plastics or metal. The ring is disposed in a plane at right angles to the atomiser axis. After the tensioning of the spring, the locking surfaces of the locking member move into the path of the power take-off flange and prevent the spring from being released. The locking member is actuated by a button. The actuating button is connected or coupled to the locking member. In order to actuate the locking clamp, the actuating button is pushed parallel to the ring plane, preferably into the atomiser; at the same time the deformable ring is deformed in the ring plane. Details of the construction of the locking clamp are described in WO 97/20590, which is an equivalent of US Patent No. 6,453,795.

Please replace page 13, 6th paragraph as follows:

Other details of construction are disclosed in PCT applications WO 97/12683, which is an equivalent of US Patent No. 6,176,442 and WO 97/20590, which is an equivalent of US Patent No. 6,453,795, to which reference is hereby made.

Please replace page 13, lines 33-36 as follows:

Figures 1a/b, which are identical to Figure 6 a/b of WO 97/12687, which is an equivalent of US Patent Nos. 5,964,416, 6,402,055 and 6,497,373, illustrate the nebuliser (Respimat®) with which the aqueous aerosol preparations according to the invention can advantageously be inhaled.